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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to reporting on involuntary removals

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 17-199.21 to read as follows:

§ 17-199.21 Report on involuntary removals. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the term “involuntary removal” means any removal of a person pursuant to subdivision (a) of section 9.41 of the mental hygiene law or subdivision (a) of section 9.58 of the mental hygiene law.

b. On or before January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, the department, in coordination with the police department, the fire department, the mayor’s office of community mental health, and other relevant agencies, shall provide to the council and post on its website a report regarding involuntary removals conducted during the preceding calendar year. The report must include, but need not be limited to:

1. The number of involuntary removals conducted pursuant to subdivision (a) of section 9.41 of the mental hygiene law;

2. The number of involuntary removals conducted pursuant to subdivision (a) of section 9.58 of the mental hygiene law;

3. The number of 911 calls that resulted in the involuntary removal or transportation of an individual;

4. Information regarding the locations in which such involuntary removals occurred, including whether

an individual was removed from a private dwelling or a public space, such as a park or the public transportation system, or temporary emergency housing;

5. Demographic information of removed individuals, including age, race, ethnicity, and whether the individual was an individual experiencing homelessness;

6. Whether an individual subject to an involuntary removal was admitted to a hospital, and if so, the name and address of the hospital; and

7. The average length of a hospital stay for such individuals.

c. No information that is otherwise required to be reported pursuant to this section shall be reported in a manner that would violate any applicable provision of federal, state, or local law relating to the privacy of individual information or that would interfere with law enforcement investigations or otherwise conflict with the interests of law enforcement.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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